

REMARKS

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 24, 2004, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-20. The Examiner allowed claims 14-18 and rejected claims 1-5, 19 and 20. In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 6-13 but indicated these claims to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5, 19 and 20. In addition, Applicant has rewritten claims 6-13 to remove their dependence upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 6-13 and 14-18 stand in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 14, 2004.

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